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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to as not showing connection 110. A proposed drawing correction is submitted herewith to obviate this rejection.

Claim 16 stands rejected as lacking antecedent basis and in response, claim 16 has been canceled to obviate the rejection thereto.

All claims are rejected based on applied prior art. In an attempt to narrow the issues for possible appeal, applicant herewith amends a number of these claims and cancels a number of these claims. Claim 2 is amended into independent form and claims 1 and 3-7 are canceled. Claim 11 is amended into independent form, and claim 10 is canceled. Claim 12 is also canceled. Hence, the only remaining rejections are those to claims 2, 11 and 13-18.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly being anticipated by Pepper. This contention, however, is respectfully traversed. An important feature of claim 2 is that a telephone and computer are interconnected to allow data to be sent back and forth. Importantly, the connection between the telephone and computer is a "home phone line networking connection". This allows the data to be efficiently sent at network speeds over the existing telephone line and using off the shelf hardware.

In rejecting claim 2, the rejection states that the network connection is a wireless or connection over an existing phone line referring to column 5 lines 19-29. Column 5 lines 19-29 describe a telephone network interface, and describe a wireless or wireline communication with the PDA. However, nowhere is there any teaching or suggestion

that the wireless or wireline configuration is over the existing telephone line, much less that it is a home phone line networking connection. In fact, the telephone network interface is described in further detail beginning at column 6 line 61. This apparently describes a series of messages being sent, but does not describe sending network information being sent over the existing telephone line, and certainly not using a home phone line networking connection as claimed. Therefore, claim 2 should be allowable for these reasons.

Claim 11 was rejected based on Pepper. The rejection admits that Pepper "is silent as to preventing a plurality of telephones from ringing..." but alleges that the teaching of call control would make it obvious to modify the call control in this way. However, nothing in Pepper in any way teaches or suggests allowing some but not all of the telephones to ring and preventing others from ringing based on the name that is spoken. In fact, while Pepper does teach call control, it never teaches or suggests ringing some but not all of the telephones in this way. The suggestion that Pepper does so teach, is based entirely and completely on hindsight; not on the teaching of Pepper.

Claims 13-16 were also rejected based on Pepper. The rejection states that there is a first computer and a second computer with a network connection between them. Admittedly, Pepper shows a PDA and computer, but nowhere is there any teaching or suggestion that the PDA receives voice to be recognized, sends it to the other computer to be recognized, and receives information back once the voice is recognized. The rejection states that the PDA directs the voice to the second computer for call handling. Column 5 lines 19-42 described that the PDA has information in its database that is used for call handling. However, the PDA never receives the user's

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voice to be recognized, as claimed. Rather, the PDA is described as including software therein. There is no description of a microphone associated with the PDA, or of any other way in which the PDA could receive the user's voice. Once again, this is based entirely on hindsight; not on the teaching of the Pepper reference itself.

For all of these reasons, it is respectfully suggested that all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is hence respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-1387.

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Attachment: Drawing Change to Figure 1

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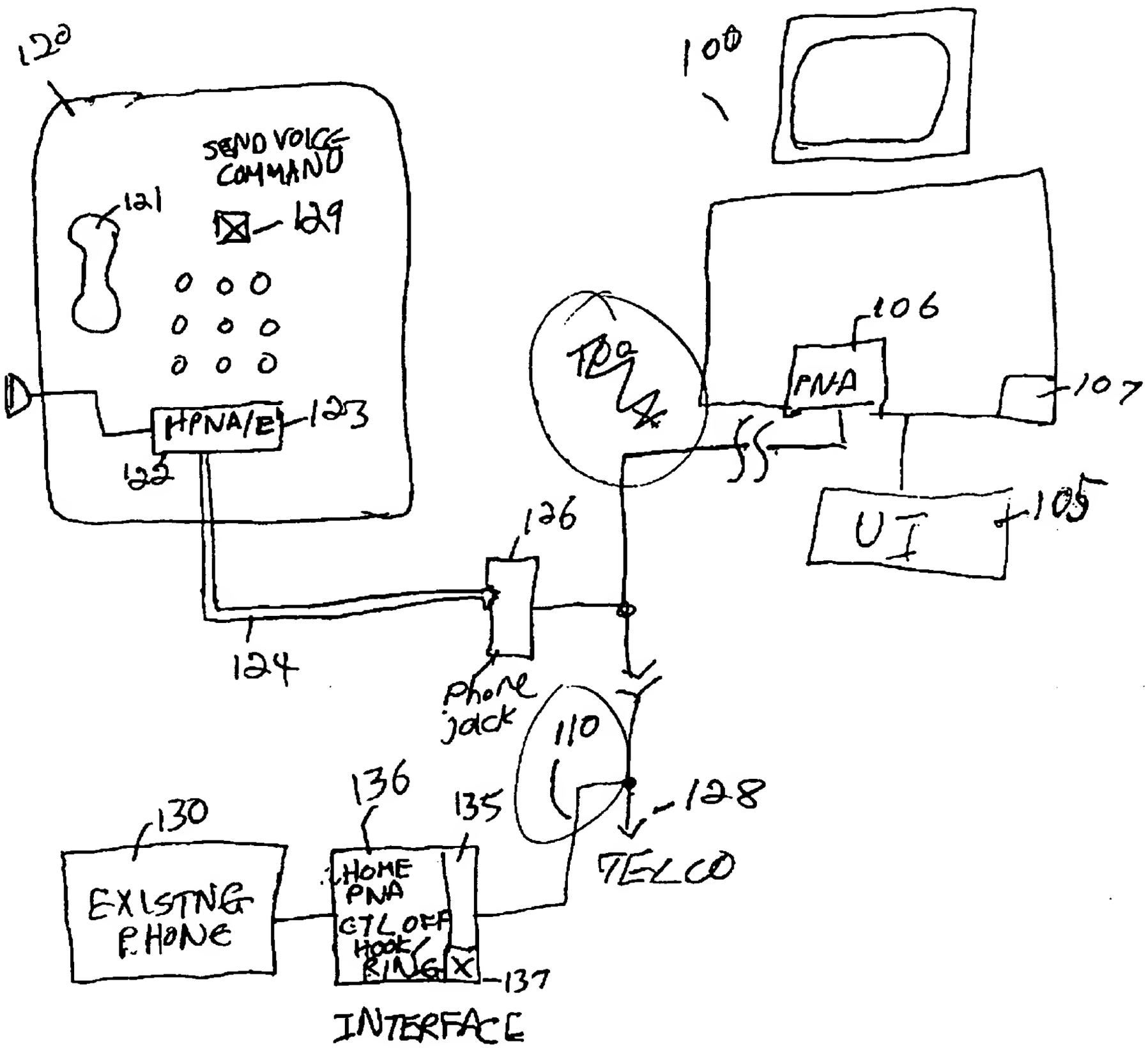
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FIG 1